

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

2 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

3 MONTGOMERY TURNER, an individual,

4 Plaintiff,

5 v.

6 AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, a
Connecticut Corporation,

7 Defendant.

Case No. 3:17-CV-00388-LRH-WGC

PROTECTIVE ORDER

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9 Pursuant to Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Health Insurance
10 Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, and for good cause, the Court issues this Protective
11 Order. Unless modified pursuant to the terms contained in this Order, this Order shall remain in
12 effect through the conclusion of this litigation.

13 **IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

14 **1. Scope of Protection**

15 This Protective Order shall govern any record of information produced in this action and
16 designated pursuant to this Protective Order, including all designated deposition testimony, all
17 designated testimony taken at a hearing or other proceeding, all designated deposition exhibits,
18 interrogatory answers, admissions, documents and other discovery materials, whether produced
19 informally or in response to interrogatories, requests for admissions, requests for production of
20 documents or other formal methods of discovery.

21 This Protective Order shall also govern any designated record of information produced in
22 this action pursuant to required disclosures under any federal procedural rule or local rule of the
23 Court and any supplementary disclosures thereto.

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1 This Protective Order shall apply to the parties and to any nonparty from whom discovery
2 may be sought who desires the protection of this Protective Order.

3 **2. Definitions**

4 The term Confidential Information shall mean confidential or proprietary technical,
5 scientific, financial, business, trade secret, health, or medical information designated as
6 “CONFIDENTIAL” by the producing party.

7 The term Confidential Health Information shall constitute a subset of Confidential
8 Information, and shall be designated as “CONFIDENTIAL” and subject to all terms and
9 conditions governing the treatment of Confidential Information set forth herein. Confidential
10 Health Information shall mean information supplied in any form, or any portion thereof, that
11 identifies an individual or subscriber in any manner and relates to the past, present, or future
12 care, services, or supplies relating to the physical or mental health or condition of such individual
13 or subscriber, the provision of health care to such individual or subscriber, or the past, present, or
14 future payment for the provision of health care to such individual or subscriber. Confidential
15 Health Information shall include, but is not limited to, claim data, claim forms, grievances,
16 appeals, or other documents or records that contain any patient health information required to be
17 kept confidential under any state or federal law, including 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164
18 promulgated pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (*see* 45
19 C.F.R. §§ 164.501 & 160.103), and the following subscriber, patient, or member identifiers:

- 20 a. names;
- 21 b. all geographic subdivisions smaller than a State, including street address, city,
22 county, precinct, and zip code;
- 23 c. all elements of dates (except year) for dates directly related to an individual,
including birth date, admission date, discharge date, age, and date of death;
- 24 d. telephone numbers;

- 1 e. fax numbers;
- 2 f. electronic mail addresses;
- 3 g. social security numbers;
- 4 h. medical record numbers;
- 5 i. health plan beneficiary numbers;
- 6 j. account numbers;
- 7 k. certificate/license numbers;
- 8 l. vehicle identifiers and serial numbers, including license plate numbers;
- 9 m. device identifiers and serial numbers;
- 10 n. web universal resource locators (“URLs”);
- 11 o. internet protocol (“IP”) address numbers;
- 12 p. biometric identifiers, including finger and voice prints;
- 13 q. full face photographic images and any comparable images; and/or
- 14 r. any other unique identifying number, characteristic, or code.

15 The term Technical Advisor shall refer to any person who is not a party to this action or
16 not presently employed by the receiving party or a company affiliated through common
17 ownership, who has been designated by the receiving party to receive another party’s
18 Confidential Information, including Confidential Health Information. Each party’s Technical
19 Advisors shall be limited to such person as, in the judgment of that party’s counsel, are
20 reasonably necessary for development and presentation of that party’s case. These persons
21 include outside experts or consultants retained to provide technical or other expert services such
22 as expert testimony or otherwise assist in trial preparation.

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Documents and things produced or furnished during the course of this action shall be designated as containing Confidential Information, including Confidential Health Information, by placing on each page, each document (whether in paper or electronic form), or each thing a legend substantially as follows:

A party may designate information disclosed at a deposition as Confidential Information by requesting the reporter to so designate the transcript at the time of the deposition.

A party shall designate information disclosed at a hearing or trial as Confidential Information by requesting the court, at the time the information is proffered or adduced, to receive the information only in the presence of those persons designated to receive such information and court personnel, and to designate the transcript appropriately. Nothing in this provision shall be construed in any way prevent the public's access to the courtroom.

4. Disclosure and Use of Confidential Information

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1 and for no other action, and shall not use it for any business or other commercial purpose, and
2 shall not use it for filing or prosecuting any patent application (of any type) or patent reissue or
3 reexamination request, and shall not disclose it to any person, except as hereinafter provided. All
4 information that has been designated Confidential shall be carefully maintained so as to preclude
5 access by persons who are not qualified to receive such information under the terms of this
6 Order.

7 In the event that any receiving party's briefs, memoranda, discovery requests, requests
8 for admission or other papers of any kind which are served or filed shall include Confidential
9 Information, the papers shall be appropriately designated and shall be treated accordingly.

10 All documents, including attorney notes and abstracts, which contain another party's
11 Confidential Information, shall be handled as if they were designated pursuant to paragraph 3.

12 Only those parts of documents, papers and transcripts filed with the court that contain
13 Confidential Information shall be filed under seal.

14 **5. Qualified Recipients**

15 For purposes of this Order, the term Qualified Recipient means

- 16 a. Outside counsel of record for any party in this action, as well as employees of
17 such counsel (excluding experts and investigators) assigned to and necessary to
assist such counsel in the preparation and trial of this action;
- 18 b. Representatives, officers, or employees of a party as necessary to assist outside
counsel in the preparation and trial of this action;
- 19 c. Witnesses who testify by deposition or at trial who, if not a representative, officer,
20 or employee of a party, shall be advised about the terms of this Order and that
such Order is applicable to them in connection with their testimony and do not
21 retain copies of Confidential Information;
- 22 d. Persons who were authors or recipients of the Confidential Information or
previously had legal access to Confidential Information;
- 23 e. Technical Advisors, expert witnesses, or consultants engaged by a party to assist
24 with the preparation and trial of this action provided such expert or consultant

1 agrees in writing, in the form attached at Appendix A, to be bound by the terms of
2 this Order;

3 f. Any designated arbitrator or mediator who is assigned to hear this matter, or who
4 has been selected by the parties, and his or her staff, provided that such
5 individuals agree in writing, in the form attached at Appendix A, to be bound by
6 the terms of this Order;

7 g. Stenographers and videographers engaged to transcribe or record depositions
8 conducted in this action provided that such individuals agree in writing, in the
9 form attached at Appendix A, to be bound by the terms of this Order; and

10 h. The Court and its support personnel.

11 **6. Nonparties**

12 Any nonparty who produces documents or other information in response to discovery
13 requests or subpoenas in this litigation that qualifies as Confidential Information shall be entitled
14 to the benefits and protections of this Order and shall be entitled to seek additional protections.

15 The parties agree that they will treat Confidential Information produced by nonparties
16 according to the terms of this Order.

17 Nonparties may challenge the confidentiality of Confidential Information by filing a
18 motion to intervene and a motion to de-designate.

19 **7. Inadvertent Failure to Designate**

20 In the event that a producing party inadvertently fails to designate any of its information
21 pursuant to paragraph 3, it may later designate by notifying the receiving parties in writing. The
22 receiving parties shall take reasonable steps to see that the information is thereafter treated in
23 accordance with the designation.

24 It shall be understood however, that no person or party shall incur any liability hereunder
with respect to disclosure that occurred prior to receipt of written notice of a belated designation.

8. Inadvertent Disclosure

In the event of an inadvertent disclosure of another party's Confidential Information to a

1 non-Qualified Recipient, the party making the inadvertent disclosure shall promptly upon
2 learning of the disclosure: (i) notify the person to whom the disclosure was made that it contains
3 Confidential Information subject to this Order; (ii) make all reasonable efforts to preclude
4 dissemination or use of the Confidential Information by the person to whom disclosure was
5 inadvertently made including, but not limited to, obtaining all copies of such materials from the
6 non-Qualified Recipient; and (iii) notify the producing party of the identity of the person to
7 whom the disclosure was made, the circumstances surrounding the disclosure, and the steps
8 taken to ensure against the dissemination or use of the information.

9 **9. Challenge to Designation**

10 At any time after the delivery of Confidential Information, counsel for the party receiving
11 the Confidential Information may challenge the designation of all or any portion thereof by
12 providing written notice thereof to counsel for the party disclosing or producing the Confidential
13 Information. If the parties are unable to agree as to whether the confidential designation of
14 discovery material is appropriate, the party receiving the Confidential Information shall certify to
15 the Court that the parties cannot reach an agreement as to the confidential nature of all or a
16 portion of the Confidential Information. Thereafter, the party disclosing or producing the
17 Confidential Information shall have ten days from the date of certification to file a motion for
18 protective order with regard to any Confidential Information in dispute. The party producing the
19 Confidential Information shall have the burden of establishing that the disputed Confidential
20 Information is entitled to confidential treatment. If the party producing the Confidential
21 Information does not timely file a motion for protective order, the Confidential Information in
22 dispute shall no longer be subject to confidential treatment as provided in this Order. All
23 Confidential Information is entitled to confidential treatment pursuant to the terms of this Order
24 until and unless the parties formally agree in writing to the contrary, a party fails to timely move

1 for a protective order, or a contrary determination is made by the Court as to whether all or a
2 portion of designated Confidential Information is entitled to confidential treatment.

3 **10. Conclusion of Action**

4 At the conclusion of this action, including through all appeals, each party or other person
5 subject to the terms hereof shall be under an obligation to destroy or return to the producing
6 party all materials and documents containing Confidential Information and to certify to the
7 producing party such destruction or return. Such return or destruction shall not relieve said
8 parties or persons from any of the continuing obligations imposed upon them by this Order.

9 The provisions of this paragraph shall not be binding on any party or entity to the extent
10 that such provisions conflict with applicable Federal or State law. Any party or entity subject to
11 this order shall notify the producing party in writing of any such conflict it identifies in
12 connection with a particular matter so that such matter can be resolved either by the parties or by
13 the Court.

14 **11. Jurisdiction to Enforce Protective Order**

15 After the termination of this action, the Court will continue to have jurisdiction to enforce
16 this Order.

17 **12. Modification of Protective Order**

18 This Order is without prejudice to the right of any person or entity to seek a modification
19 of this Order at any time either through stipulation or Order of the Court.

20 **13. Confidentiality of Party's Own Documents**

21 Nothing herein shall affect the right of the designating party to disclose to its officers,
22 directors, employees, attorneys, consultants or experts, or to any other person, its own
23 information. Such disclosure shall not waive the protections of this Protective Order and shall
24 not entitle other parties or their attorneys to disclose such information in violation of it, unless by

1 such disclosure of the designating party the information becomes public knowledge. Similarly,
2 the Protective Order shall not preclude a party from showing its own information, including its
3 own information that is filed under seal by a party, to its officers, directors, employees, attorneys,
4 consultants or experts, or to any other person.

5 **14. Compulsory Disclosure to Third Parties**

6 If any receiving party is subpoenaed in another action or proceeding or served with a
7 document or testimony demand or a court order, and such subpoena or demand or court order
8 seeks Confidential Information, including Confidential Health Information of a producing party,
9 the receiving party shall give prompt written notice to counsel for the producing party and allow
10 the producing party an opportunity to oppose such subpoena or demand or court order prior to
11 the deadline for complying with the subpoena or demand or court order. No compulsory
12 disclosure to third parties of information or material exchanged under this Order shall be deemed
13 a waiver of any claim of confidentiality, except as expressly found by a court or judicial
14 authority of competent jurisdiction.

15 **15. Binding Effect**

16 This Order shall be binding upon the parties and their attorneys, successors, executors,
17 personal representatives, administrators, heirs, legal representatives, assigns, subsidiaries,
18 divisions, employees, agents, independent contractors, or other persons or organizations over
19 which they have control.

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1 **ORDER**

2 Paragraph 9 - Challenge to Designation: Any motion regarding filing confidential information
3 and motions to seal shall comply with LR 1A 10-5 and the dictates of *Kamakana v. City and County of*
4 *Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172 (9th Cir. 2006). *See also, Center for Auto Safety v. Chrysler Group, LLC*, 809
5 F.3d 1092, 1097 (9th Cir. 2016).

6 Paragraph 11 - Jurisdiction to Enforce Protective Order: The Protective Order is modified to
7 reflect that although the parties may agree to be bound by the confidentiality terms of this Order beyond
8 the conclusion of this lawsuit, the dismissal of this action will terminate the jurisdiction of this Court.

9 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

10 DATED: October 6, 2017.

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12 WILLIAM G. COBB
13 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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Appendix A
PROTECTIVE ORDER UNDERTAKING

I, _____, declare that:

1. My address is _____.

My current employer is _____.

My current occupation is _____.

2. I have received a copy of the Protective Order in this action. I have carefully read and understand the provisions of the Protective Order.

3. I will comply with all of the provisions of the Protective Order and agree to be bound by the Protective Order. I will hold in confidence, will not disclose to anyone not qualified under the Protective Order, and will use only for purposes of this action any Confidential Information or information designated as "Confidential" that is disclosed to me.

4. Promptly upon termination of the relevant action, I will either return in full to the outside counsel for the party by whom I am employed or completely destroy all documents and things designated as "Confidential" that came into my possession, and all documents and things that I have prepared relating thereto.

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5. I understand that the obligations of this undertaking and the provisions of the Protective Order continue past the termination of the action.

6. I hereby submit to the jurisdiction of this Court for the purpose of enforcement of the Protective Order in this action.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature _____

Date _____